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SUBJ: ELECTIONS: QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES

1. AS A HANDY REFERENCE, LISTED BELOW ARE THE FOURTEEN PARTIES WHICH HAVE QUALIFIED TO RUN IN THE 1976 ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. THEIR 1975 PERFORMANCE AND THE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY PLAN TO RUN IS ALSO GIVEN. SEVERAL OF THESE PARTIES ARE LIKELY TO DROP OUT BEFORE THE ELECTION. OF THESE FOURTEEN PARTIES, 9 RAN IN THE 1975 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, 3 WERE BARRED, AND 2 PLAN TO FIELD THEIR OWN CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME.

2. THE NINE POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH COMPETED IN THE 1975 ELECTIONS ARE:

-- PS (PARTIDO SOCIALISTA - SOCIALIST PARTY) 37.8 PERCENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.

-- PPD (PARTIDO POPULAR DEMOCRATICO - POPULAR DEMOCRATIC

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PARTY) 26.4 PER CENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.

-- PCP (PARTIDO COMMUNISTA PORTUGUES - PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY) 12.5 PERCENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- CDS (PARTIDO DO CENTRO DEMOCRATICO SOCIAL - SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY) 7.65 PERCENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- FSP (FRENTE SOCIALISTA POPULAR - POPULAR SOCIALIST FRONT) 1.2 PERCENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- MES (MOVIMENTO DA ESQUERDA SOCIALISTA - MOVEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST LEFT) 1.02 PERCENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- UDP (UNIAO DEMOCRATICA POPULAR - POPULAR DEMOCRATIC UNION) 0.79 PERCENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- PPM (PARTIDO POPULAR MONARQUICO - POPULAR MONARCHIST PARTY) 0.56 PERCENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- LCI (LIGA COMMUNISTA INTERNACIONALISTA - INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST LEAGUE) 0.19 PERCENT IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.

3. THE THREE PARTIES BARRED IN 1975 ARE:

-- AOC (ALICANCA OPERARIA CAMPONES - WORKER PEASANT ALLIANCE) WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- MRPP (MOVIMENTO REORGANIZATIVO DO PARTIDO DO PROLETARIADO - REORGANIZING MOVEMENT OF THE PROLETARIAT PARTY) WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- PDC (PARTIDO DA DEMOCRACIA CRISTA - CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY) WILL COMPETE IN 17 DISTRICTS.

4. FIRST-TIMERS ARE:

-- PCP-ML (PARTIDO COMMUNISTA PORTUGUES-MARXISTA LENINISTA - MARXIST LENINIST PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY). BACKEDAOC AND LATER PS IN 1975. WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.
-- PRT (PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOS TRABALHADORES - REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS' PARTY). WILL COMPETE IN 22 DISTRICTS.

5. THREE PARTIES WHICH RAN IN 1975 DID NOT ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY THIS YEAR. THEY ARE:

-- MDP (MOVIMENTO DEMOCRATICO PORTUGUES-PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT) 4.5 PERCENT IN 1975.
-- FEC-ML (FRENTE ELEITORAL DE COMMUNISTA-MARXISTAS-LENINISTAS - MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST ELECTORAL FRONT) 0.57 PERCENT IN 1975.
-- PUP (PARTIDO DA UNIDADE POPULAR - POPULAR UNITY PARTY) 0.22 PERCENT IN 1975.

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